The Sumter Little Theatre

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Tom Sawyer

May 15-17 & 22-24, 1987 • Patriot Hall

Tom Sawyer

Adapted from Mark Twain's Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Book & Lyrics by Sarah Marie Schlesinger
Musical Score by Michael Dansicker

Produced through special arrangement with New Plays for Children
P.O. Box 2181 / Grand Central Station / New York, NY 10017

Cast List *(In Order of Appearance)*

Aunt Polly	**Debbie Anderson**
Tom Sawyer	**Grady Dennis**
Widow Douglas	**Trisha Herrington**
Huck Finn	**Donald Fennoy**
Sid Sawyer	**Eric Anderson**
Becky Thatcher	**Sam Ford**
Alfred	**Craig Kinser**
Ben Rogers	**Brian Drysdale**
Amy Lawrence	**Pressley Wilson**
Reverend	**John Ford**
Judge Thatcher	**Stan Schaetzle**
Mrs. Thatcher	**Jean Mills**
Doc Robinson	**Tim Brosnan**
Muff Potter	**Wilson McElveen**
Injun Joe	**Richard Scott**
Joe Harper	**Trent Patterson**
Angie Smith	**Tykie Blauth**
Paul Borden	**Jason Young**
Henrietta Cooprider	**Hope Evans**
Marcella Perkins	**Tiffany Johnson**
Virginia Crabtree	**Meredith Miller**
Susan Harper	**Kristi Foster**
Gracie Miller	**Christy Smith**
Jim Hollis	**James C. Carter, Jr.**
Henry Akers	**Brian MacKessy**
Bob Tanner	**Frank Rogers**
Johnny Baker	**Cameron Aiken**
Billy Fisher	**Jason Langhome**
Mary Harper	**Kristi Minton**
Caroline Hollis	**Natalie McCrea**
Sally Rogers	**Melanie Corbett**
Sarah Dobbins	**Julie Dickey**
Edith Jackson	**Selena McCoy**
Lais Perkins	**Jennifer Harris**

Cast Notes *(Principal Characters)*

Debbie Anderson (Aunt Polly)

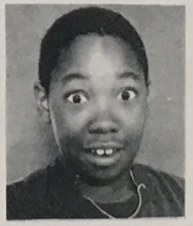
Debbie's credits include Annie, South Pacific and Man of LaMancha. She sings in the First Presbyterian Choir and is president of the Shaw Officer's Wives Club. Son Eric is playing Sid Sawyer — their first show together

Grady Dennis (Tom Sawyer)

Grady is a 10-year-old Wilson Hall student. A Cub Scout and a collector of baseball cards, he has appeared in Cinderella, Oh, My Stars It's Christmas! and Alice in Wonderland. Grady has a dog named Nick.

Trisha Herrington (Widow Douglas)

Trisha, a teacher at Hillcrest High School, has one son, Dean. She sings with the Sumter Madrigal Singers in real life, but last sang on stage as one of the Boylan Sisters in Annie. An Aiken native, she has travelled the world.



Donald Fennoy (Huck Finn)

Asked to tell us something about himself, Donald wrote, "I think I'm great, wonderful, marvelous!" Self-esteem comes naturally to Donald, who is a student at Shaw Heights. Sumter audiences may remember him as the paper boy in Annie.

Eric Anderson (Sid Sawyer)

Eric is REALLY Aunt Polly's son — art imitating life, you might say. He is an 11-year-old Alice Drive student and the owner of a dog and a cat. Eric has lived in England, but more interestingly, dreams that he flies around school in his underwear.

Sam Ford (Becky Thatcher)

Sam is a 10-year-old Alice Drive student, the daughter of our Reverend. After some thought, Sam recalled having been involved with a church play once, but she is "pretty sure" that she hasn't done anything else on stage.

Production Notes *(Principal Staff)*

Katie Damron (Director) — Katie's directoral credits are legion. She has served locally and on the state and regional levels on the boards, committees of organizations working for the advancement of the arts. She last directed Annie here at Patriot Hall.

Sarah Floyd (Music Director) — Sarah says that she spends most of her time doing music-related activities. She has two grown daughters, Kim and Kathy, and is a member of the Sumter County Cultural Commission. She is also president-elect of the Women's Afternoon Music Club and accompanist for the Sumter Civic Chorale.

Hank Shadwell (Technical Director / Lighting Designer) — A theater and communication graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, Hank is married to Christina Trotter Shadwell, a Sumterite. He has designed lights for college and summer stock productions and is now employed by Carolina Heating and Electric as an electrician.

Kirk Jeffcoat (Sound Designer) — As a free-lance sound technician, Kirk has toured with performance groups of various descriptions. Tom Sawyer, however, marks his theatrical debut. He is a Sumter native and a 1983 graduate of Sumter High School.

Booth Chilcutt (Stage Designer) — Booth and his wife, Peggy, have two sons, Peter (20) and Michael (18). A Wisconsin native, Booth manages the State Forestry Commission's first generation tree improvement program. He last designed a stage for Katie during Streetcar at the old Sumter Little Theatre. His is a family of unusually tall and good-looking people.

Kathy Foster (Costume Mistress) — Kathy is the mother of four: Chad (5), Amy (7), Melissa (9) and Kristi (11) who is also in the show playing Susan Hopper. She tells us that she "loves the challenge of creating something from nothing."

Myra Yeatts (Promotion) — Myra lives right across the street from here, literally a stone's throw away. She is a N.C. native and has two children — Melissa (11) and Mark (9). For the past four years, Myra has been selling real estate for Hawkins & Kolb. She last chaired a promotion committee during Annie last October.

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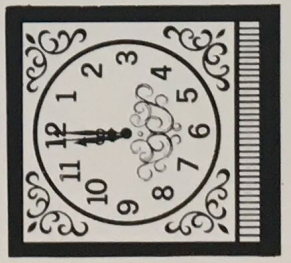

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